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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hiroshi NOJIMA
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For: STORAGE OPERATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
Group: 2161
Examiner: S. Metjahic

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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July 29, 2005

Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.